

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (April 01, 2003) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-201

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: March 19, 2003

Frozen Fruit, Announcement FV-201, Invitation 067

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell frozen fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in needy family programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday April 1, 2003**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday April 15, 2003. Deliveries are to be made from July 01, 2003 to August 31, 2003.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Frozen IQF Red Raspberries	25 lb. ctns.	9,600 cases
Frozen Seedless Red Raspberry Puree	6/5.75 lb. ctns	16,890 cases

- **Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable, as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.**
- ***No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation***
- ***The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from 2002 crop year.***

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-201, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Frozen Fruit dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone

(202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>. Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-200, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV201
 INVITATION : 067
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 33 **RASPBERRIES, RED FROZEN**
 PACK SIZE : 25 25 LB CTN

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/03 - 07/15/03					
001	AUBURN	NY	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
	MALONE	NY	TRUCK ONLY	800	
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/03 - 08/15/03					
002	EAU CLAIRE	WI		800	_____
	MADISON	WI		800	
003	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
	PUEBLO	CO	TRUCK ONLY	800	
004	HELENA	MT	TRUCK ONLY	800	_____
	SIOUX FALLS	SD		800	
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/03 - 08/31/03					
005	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
006	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	1,600	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				9,600	

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV201
 INVITATION : 067
 COMM GROUP : 31 FRUIT, FROZEN
 COMM TYPE : 34 **RASPBERRIES, RED, PUREE, FRZN**
 PACK SIZE : 65 6/5.75 LB CARTON

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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/01/03 - 07/15/03					
007	EDISON	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
008	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,126	_____
009	HARTFORD	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
010	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/03 - 07/31/03					
011	HARTFORD	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
012	PORT NEWARK	NJ		563	_____
	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	TRUCK ONLY	563	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/03 - 08/15/03					
013	YANTIC	CT		1,126	_____
014	PORT NEWARK	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
015	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____
016	PUEBLO	CO	TRUCK ONLY	1,126	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/03 - 08/31/03					
017	PORT NEWARK	NJ		1,126	_____
018	HARTFORD	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,252	_____
019	LAWRENCE	MI	TRUCK ONLY	2,252	_____
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				16,890	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION				26,490	

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